

IN RECOGNITION OF ERLING HORN
IN CELEBRATION OF HIS 100TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2005

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Erling Horn, who will celebrate his 100th birthday on July 17, 2005.

Mr. Horn, the father of Lafayette Past Mayor Erling Horn, begins his centennial year as an active, independent member of his community who can be seen driving his Jeep to church activities or to meetings of the City of Oakland Retirement Board, where he has served for the past 12 years.

Born in 1905, Erling Horn was orphaned as an infant and raised by his mother's siblings in a large extended Norwegian family in Seattle. With their help and the support of the scholarship program of the Reserve Officer Training Corps, he earned a Bachelors Degree and a Masters Degree in electrical engineering at the University of Washington. In 1927, he earned a commission in the U.S. Army, where he served as Captain and Major in various coast and field artillery units during World War II.

From 1931 to 1935, he served in the Civilian Conservation Corps; and from 1935 to 1966, he was employed by the City of Oakland, first as City Surveyor, and then as Traffic Engineer. In his 30-year career with the City, he helped to design and install Oakland's first parking meters, traffic control signals, traffic-friendly intersections, and freeway interfaces.

During the Vietnam War, Mr. Horn was an active antiwar protestor, always supporting the troops but not always supporting his government's policies to deploy them. His oldest son served in the U.S. Navy during the War.

As one who benefited from family solidarity early in life, Erling Horn has been a source of family strength to his wife, now deceased, to his three children, Arthur, Erling, and Margaret, and to his seven grandchildren. I am pleased to join his family and friends in congratulating Mr. Horn on his career achievements, service to his country, and community contributions. I wish him continued health, happiness, and success as he enters his second hundred years.

**TRIBUTE TO THE SLOVAK
CATHOLIC SOKOL**

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2005

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to take this opportunity to salute the Slovak Catholic Sokol. On Saturday, July 9, 2005 the Sokol celebrated a very proud moment, its Centennial Anniversary.

It is only fitting that the Slovak Catholic Sokol be honored, in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on Earth, for it has been a fundamental institution in the community; offering guidance and support to all in need.

The Slovak Catholic Sokol was founded on July 4, 1905 by citizens who wanted to establish an athletic organization for Catholics of

Slovak ancestry. It was not long after its creation that the group began to flourish. The year 1912 marked the first field meet or "Slet," as it is called in Slovak. Since then, these Slets have attracted members and crowds by the thousands; all of whom gather to take part in an array of track and field events.

The organization grew quickly; the 46 original founders from Passaic, N.J. has blossomed into 32,000 members located throughout the United States & Canada. This unprecedented expansion has allowed the group to become heavily involved with the youth movement. Every year, the Slovak Catholic Sokol awards an array of scholarship grants to college bound members as well as qualified members who attend Catholic High School. Over the years, nearly 1300 members have been fortunate enough to receive scholarship grants in order to further their education.

In the most recent years, the Slovak Catholic Sokol entered its most ambitious stage of growth, especially in terms of volunteer work. As a Catholic entity, participation in parish life is obviously encouraged and support for both men and women of Slovak heritage is given. Therefore, donations whether monetary or perishable, are routinely sent to Catholic Bishops in Slovakia for distribution amongst their congregation. Working in conjunction with other reputable Slovak organizations, such as the Slovak League of America is also quite commonplace. In fact, together with four other fraternal, the Slovak Catholic Sokol established the Slovak Foundation at the University of Pittsburgh.

Committed to the democratic way of life, the Slovak Catholic Sokol will continue to spread goodwill. The leadership and the members of this organization recognize the dedication it took to elevate this venerable institution to where it is today and will ensure that it remains untarnished.

The work of a United States Congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing institutions like the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the City of Passaic, Passaic County, all of the members, and me, in recognizing the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

**HONORING LEO GOLD FOR HIS
OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE COMMUNITY AND OUR
NATION**

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2005

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the entire Hirschorn family as they celebrate the life and accomplishments of their oldest living relative, Leo Gold. Today, the Hirschorn family, nearly 150 strong and from all corners of the world, have gathered to pay tribute to Leo not only for being a wonderful member of the family, but for his many contributions to his Nation and community.

Leo Gold has had a full life. He has served in our Nation's armed forces, married and raised a wonderful family of his own, worked as a stockbroker by trade, and has spent countless hours volunteering with a myriad of

service and community organizations. His life is the very reflection of what every community member should be.

Like so many of his generation, Leo served in the United States Army during World War II. A member of the Engineers' Corps, Leo was one of the hundreds of remarkable soldiers who landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day. He diligently served his country with dignity and integrity from 1943 until the end of the war. Today, I stand to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Leo Gold for his outstanding service to our country. It is veterans, like Leo, whose stories will never allow future generations to forget one of the free world's greatest victories.

Leo spent his professional career as a stockbroker and continues to own a seat on the American Stock Exchange. He has been happily married to his wife, Beatrice, for 63 years, raising two children, Helaine and Harold. Today, they continue to see their small family grow with three grandchildren, Heidi, Keith, and Sandra, as well as one great-grandchild, Maya. Throughout the years, it has been his family which has brought him such great joy and I find it a fitting tribute that his extended family has gathered to honor him today.

Veteran, successful businessman, and devoted husband, father, and grandfather—one would not find it hard to believe that Leo has also been an active member of his community, volunteering his time and efforts to make a difference in the lives of others. Before retiring to Florida, Leo lived in Great Neck, NY, where he was deeply involved with B'nai Brith and his synagogue Temple Israel. Now, as he and Bea enjoy their retirement years, they can be found volunteering for the Jewish Federation, among other organizations. In fact, Leo participated in the Big Brother Program just a few years ago, acting as a mentor and friend to children in need. Through his many philanthropic activities, Leo has quietly touched the lives of many—making a real difference in their lives.

Our communities and our country would not be the same without individuals like Leo Gold who so willingly dedicate themselves to serving and protecting others. It is an honor and a privilege for me to stand today to join his wife, Bea, children Helaine and Harold, grandchildren Heidi, Keith, and Sandra, and the entire Hirschorn family as they pay tribute to Leo Gold—an outstanding citizen and community leader. My heartfelt congratulations on this very special occasion—what an inspiration you are. Mazel Tov.

HONORING DAVID GAD-HARF

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2005

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of a man who has selflessly devoted many years to his community and his culture. On July 13, civic leaders, family, and friends will join the Jewish Community Council to honor its executive director, Mr. David Gad-Harf, as he celebrates his retirement after 17 years.

A native of Erie, PA, David Gad-Harf graduated with honors from Harvard University,